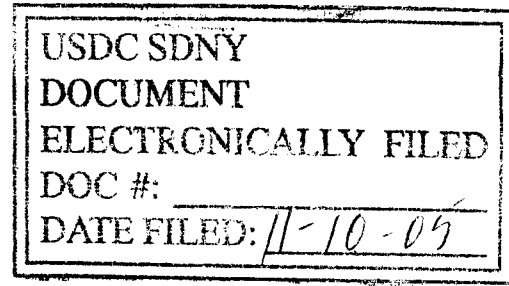


COVINGTON & BURLING

1330 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10019
TEL 212.841.1000
FAX 212.841.1010
WWW.COV.COM

NEW YORK
WASHINGTON
SAN FRANCISCO
LONDON
BRUSSELS



November 9, 2005

BY HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Victor Marrero
United States District Court, S.D.N.Y.
40 Centre Street, Room 414
New York, New York 10007-1581

Re: Alliance for Open Society Int'l, Inc. et al v. US Agency for Int'l
Dev. et al, No. 1:05 CV 08209 (VM)

Dear Judge Marrero:

This firm is counsel to a group of *amici curiae*, consisting of twenty-two public health groups and other non-governmental organizations. During a telephone conference on November 8, 2005, the Court granted *amici* leave to file a memorandum of law in support of Plaintiffs' pending motion for a preliminary injunction in the above-referenced action. I enclose two courtesy copies of the memorandum of law of *amici* and of our firm's Notice of Appearance in this action, which were electronically filed with the Court today.

Respectfully,

Christine Magdo
Christine I. Magdo

Enclosures

cc: Rebekah Ruth Diller, Esq.
Counsel to Plaintiffs

Richard Rosberger, Esq.
Counsel to Defendants

